

## Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining 2015 Legislative Session

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### ENERGY/MINERAL BILLS

<b>SB25</b>	Resource Dev. Coordinating Committee Reauthorization	Sen. Dayton	Reauthorizes the Resource Development Coordinating Committee in the Gov.'s Office until July 1, 2025.	2/2: Senate passed. 2/9: House passed.
<b>SB48</b>	Evaluating Federal Land	Sen. Osmond	Directs the State Tax Commission to make calculations by Jan. 2016 of property tax and other revenues that would be generated if federal lands were privately owned. Excludes national park land.	1/6: Public Distribution 2/23 Senate Comm. passed.
<b>SB90-S1</b>	Utah Navajo Royalties Amends	Sen. Van Tassell	Creates the Navajo Trust Fund to replace the prior Utah Royalties Holding Fund. Pertains to Aneth Extension land in San Juan County	1/22: Public Distribution 2/10: Sen. Comm. passed
<b>SB105</b>	Public Lands Act Amendments	Sen. Dabakis	Requires AG to file petition in federal court by 6/30/2016 for determination of ownership of public lands.	1/27: Public Distribution 2/24: Senate passed.
<b>SB154</b>	Coal Ash Regulation Amendments	Sen. Okerlund	Amends the definition of Solid Waste in the DEQ/S&HW Code with the effect of allowing coal ash to be regulated by the state, vs. EPA.	2/5: Public Distribution 2/12: Senate Comm. passed.
<b>SB188</b>	* Oil, Gas, and Mining Amendments	Sen. Van Tassell	Allows BOGM to establish a drilling unit and concurrently authorize more than one well therein, with engineering and geologic justification, and not result in waste. UCA 40-6-6.	2/11: Public Distribution 2/23: Senate passed.
<b>SB189</b>	* Oil and Gas Conservation Account Amendments	Sen. Van Tassell	Amends the \$750K cap on the O&G Conservation Account, to 50% of the FY appropriation, as established in 1999. UCA 40-6-14.5(6).	2/11: Public Distribution 2/17: Senate Comm. passed.
<b>SB216-S1</b>	High Cost Infrastructure Tax Credits	Sen. Okerlund	Creates OED provision for a tax credit on high-cost infrastructure development projects including new and expanded mining and manufacturing, wherein infrastructure cost > 10% or \$10 million.	2/17: Public Distribution 2/23: Senate Comm. passed
<b>SB224</b>	Incentives for Oil Production	Sen. Van Tassell	Amends the workover tax credit incentive on the severance tax return for Jan 2015 to Dec 2016. Was intended to increase the credit from a max \$150,000 workover at 20% to a max \$750,000 workover	2/18: Public Distribution

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			at 40%; however, current SB224 has 40% credit = \$750,000.	
<b>SCR003</b>	Concurrent Resolution Urging Congress to Support the Implementation of the State's Sage Grouse Conservation Plan	Sen. Van Tassell	Urges Congress to provide no funding to the Secretary of the Interior to consider, prepare, write, or issue a petition finding or proposed regulation for greater sage-grouse management through FY2025; resolves that the state implement its sage-grouse conservation plan; urges Congress to enact legislation recognizing state primacy in the long-term mgmt of sage-grouse and its habitat.	2/2: Public Distribution 2/23: Senate passed.
<b>HB31-S1</b>	Natural Gas Amendments	Rep. Handy	Primarily amends Division of PU in UCA 54 to increase fines upon intra-state natural gas pipelines pertaining to utilities, thereby allowing continued state primacy vs. federal takeover of program.	1/27: House passed. 2/5: Senate passed.
<b>HB132</b>	Interstate Compact Transfer of Public Lands Amendments	Rep. Stratton	Adds financing provisions for the subject compact.	2/11: House passed. 2/20: Senate passed.
<b>HB149-S1</b>	Utah Research Institute for Mine Safety & Productivity	Rep. Wheatley	Designates the Univ. of Utah Center for Mining Safety and Health Excellence as the Utah Research Institute for Mine Safety and Productivity. Substitute #1 removes 15-person quarterly safety roundtable including DOGM.	1/22: Public Distribution 2/17: House passed. 2/20: Senate Comm. passed
<b>HB393</b>	Energy Zones Amendments	Rep. Noel	Adds the San Juan County Energy Zone to UCA 63J-8 and requests the BLM and Forest Service to fully cooperate and coordinate with the state and the county to develop the energy resources.	2/24: Public Distribution
	Commission for Stewardship of Public Lands	Rep. Noel		Bill file opened.
	Energy Infrastructure Fund Amends	Sen. Van Tassell		Bill file opened.

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	Jt. Res. regarding the Utah Public Lands Initiative	Sen. Hinkins		Bill file opened
	Natural Gas Facilities Amendments	Rep. Schultz		Bill file opened
	Natural Resources Amends	Sen. Vickers		Bill file opened
	Utah Energy Act Amends	Sen. Hinkins		Bill file opened
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE BILLS</b>				
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<b>SB05-S1</b>	NRAE Base Budget	Sen. Hinkins	Appropriates base budget funding for FY2016. DOGM includes 3% swap of general funds for conservation fee funds.	2/9: House passed 2/10: Senate passed
<b>SB08</b>	State Agency Fees and ISF Rate Authorization	Sen. Stevenson, J	Appropriates state agency fees for FY2016.	Bill file opened. 1/12 draft.
<b>SB11</b>	Utah Retirement System Revisions	Sen. Weiler	Amendments to Tier II retirement plan, which was effective 7/1/2011. No significant policy changes, per URS.	1/27: Senate passed. 2/18: House passed.
<b>SB91</b>	Post-retirement Employment Amendments	Sen. Hillyard	Amends restrictions for post retirement employment pertaining to contract work of < 60 working days within a calendar year and prior part-time work at another agency of at least 3 years.	1/22: Public Distribution 2/9: Sen. Comm. to Sen. Rules.
<b>SB157</b>	GRAMA Amendments	Sen. Bramble	Modifies the process for appealing the denial of a record request, and eliminates the right of direct appeal to district court of a CAO denial.	2/5: Public Distribution 2/18: Senate Comm. passed
<b>SB159</b>	Background Checks for State Accountants	Sen. Henderson	Permits Division of Finance to require background checks or credit history of a public employee in a public funds position in agencies.	2/5: Public Distribution 2/20: Senate passed

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<b>SB176-S1</b>	Governmental Immunity Act Amends	Sen. Bramble	Restructures the government immunity law but the provisions pertaining to permitting, inspection and abandoned mines do not appear to be affected. Monitor.	2/10: Public Distribution 2/20: Senate Comm. passed
<b>SB247</b>	State Employees' Annual Leave Trust Fund Amends	Sen. Henderson	Amends the fund name to the Annual Leave Trust Fund. Allows termination pool monies to be transferred into the Fund.	2/23: Public Distribution
<b>HB8</b>	State Agency and Higher Ed Compensation Approp.	Rep. Sanpei	Appropriates state employee plus higher ed. compensation for FY2016.	Bill file opened 2/18 draft
<b>HB12</b>	Utah Retirement System Amendments	Rep. Powell	Annual technical amendments bill from URS on primary retirement systems. No fiscal impact to changes, per URS.	1/27: House passed. 2/12: Senate amend / passed 2/13: House concurred.
<b>HB37-S1</b>	Reauthorization of Administrative Rules	Rep. Oda	Makes technical amendments to the rules review committee and reauthorizes all state agency administrative rules.	1/6: Public Distribution 2/10: House passed 2/18: Senate Comm. passed.
<b>HB38</b>	Supplemental Savings Plan Amendments	Rep. Cunningham	Expands the type of employee qualifying account for employer matching funds beyond the current 401K account.	2/6: House passed. 2/19: Senate passed.
<b>HB73-S2</b>	Nepotism Amends	Rep. Cutler	Amends definition of "relative" to include grandparents and grandchildren, and stepchildren.	2/19: House passed 2/23: Senate Comm. passed
<b>HB77-S2</b>	Post Retirement Employment	Rep. Cunningham	Substitute #2 creates the Postretirement Employment Task Force.	1/5: Public Distribution 2/23: House passed
<b>HB148-S1</b>	State Employee Health Clinic	Rep. Barlow	Establish a primary care clinic for state employees and their dependents within a state building, designed to increase health of employees.	1/22 Public Distribution 2/18: House Comm. substituted and passed
<b>HB216-S1</b>	Workplace Abusive Conduct Amends	Rep. Stratton	Authorizes discipline for a person who engages in abusive conduct, and requires training.	2/2: Public Distribution 2/11: House Comm. held.

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<b>HB239</b>	Human Res. Management Market Research Amends	Rep. Hutchings	Modifies market comparability adjustment definition and related processes.	2/3: Public Distribution 2/17: House Comm. passed
<b>HB242</b>	State and Local Govt Employee Policies	Rep. Miller, J.	Accommodation of public employees who are breastfeeding: supportive policies, privacy room, and reasonable breaks.	2/3: Public Distribution 2/17: House Comm. passed.
<b>HB255</b>	State Employee Health Plan Amends	Rep. Thurston	Requires PEHP to allow one free office visit per plan year, and provides for spreading of costs to other visits.	2/5 Public Distribution
<b>HB291</b>	Procurement Changes	Rep. Stratton	Amends the definition of “procurement” to include grants over \$500,000, and therefore subject to the Procurement Code. [Pending Subst. bill to clarify for competitive state agency grants to others.]	2/9: Public Distribution 2/24: House Comm. held
<b>HB312</b>	Reporting of Expenditure of Public Funds Amends	Rep. DiCaro	Requires Governor’s budget to include agency report to GOMB detailing the expenditure of state money, or the intended expenditure of monies that has not been spent. Also creates reporting duties related to grants distributed by state agencies.	2/10 Public Distribution
<b>HB316</b>	Parental Leave for State Employees	Rep. Miller, J.	Requires eligible employee parental leave for a birth or adoption, separate from sick leave or annual leave.	2/11: Public Distribution 2/20: House Comm. held
<b>HB326</b>	Federal Funds Comm. Extension	Rep. Ivory	Extends the main duties of the FFC for 5 years.	2/12: Public Distribution 2/20: House Comm. passed
<b>HB347</b>	Retirement Window Amends	Rep. Cunningham	Opens a conversion window on 7/1 for public employees to transfer from the Contributory Retirement System to the Noncontributory.	2/17: Public Distribution
<b>HB354</b>	Exempt Vehicle Amendments	Rep. Cutler	Requires state and local gov. vehicles with EX plates to display “official use” and “how’s my driving” with contact to state auditor, fees imposed by state auditor, and report to Interim Comm.	2/18: Public Distribution

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<b>HB387</b>	Citizens' Customer Satisfaction Program	Rep. Eliason	Creates the Citizen's Customer Satisfaction Program within the State Auditor Office, allowing the Auditor to covertly observe and evaluate state entities. Creates publicly available repository. Allows incentives for employees also.	2/24 : Public Distribution
<b>HJR10</b>	Joint Resolution Regarding PEHP	Rep. Dunnigan	Instructs PEHP to adjust to a single medical deductible and a single maximum out-pocket cost, plus transfer excess PEHP reserves to the state and employees based on their relative contributions by 7/1/15.	2/4: House passed 2/20: Senate passed
	Amendments to Procurement Codes	Rep. Snow		Bill file opened
	Appropriations Adjustments	Sen. Hillyard		Bill file opened
	Certain Employee's Forfeit of Retirement for Employee Related Offenses	Rep. McCay		Bill file opened
	Current FY Suppl. Appropri.	Rep. Sanpei		Bill file opened
	DNR Amendments	Sen. Hinkins		Bill file opened
	Financial Reports to Interim Committees	Rep. Eliason		Bill file opened
	Government Transparency	Sen. Henderson		Bill file opened
	Health Benefit Plan Amends	Sen. Bramble		Bill file opened
	Jt Res on Administrative Law	Rep. Ivory		Bill file opened

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	Master Study Resolution	Rep. Dunnigan		Bill file opened
	New FY Supplemental Appropriations	Sen. Hillyard		Bill file opened

Monitor:

HB226 by Edwards: Air Quality Revisions (Primacy Program wording re rules more stringent)

SB87 by Davis: Environmental Protection Amends (Primacy Program wording re rules more stringent)